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CREEK SILTING HAMPERS RESCUERS

The silting up of the mouth of Kororoit Creek — and the three sandbars formed outside the channel because of the silt — are causing immense problems for Port Phillip Bay's rescue team.

One arm of the team, the Kororoit Creek Angling Club, is being seriously restricted by the silt and sandbars.

Since the club joined the bay safety group in September, six people in trouble on the bay have been rescued by club members.

Club secretary Mr Eric Jorgenson said the first man brought in to safety had foundered his boat on the old Gellibrand light piles.

"We also play a pretty important part in the system by relaying distress messages from boats — in one case we picked up a call from a boat only

100 yards out from Beaumaris. Beaumaris couldn't hear the call because the coast intervened between it and the boat."

Mr Jorgenson said the silt problem had been building up in the creek mouth for the past years. The club had sent complaints to the Melbourne Harbor Trust regularly over that period.

However it was now so bad that boats could only get in and out of the creek during the two hours either side of high tide each day.

"Quite a few people have been caught outside. If they have a small boat they often try to walk it in to shore.

"Others are stuck out on the bay for 10 to 12 hours.

"And of course if a distress call comes through on the radio we can do nothing whatsoever about it. We're helpless."

The club has at a cost of \$5000 built itself a dredge to attempt to shift the sand itself.

It isn't too successful Mr Jorgenson said.

"Then we tried digging it by hand — we did that every fine weekend last year — that was more successful..."

"But then the three sandbars formed outside the channel. You can't win, believe me."

The anglers' club has between 50-60 boats tied up at its jetty, the northernmost along the creek.

The club has vigorously campaigned to have the problem dealt with by the appropriate authority, the harbor trust.



Cooling off at Altona beach during Thursday's blistering heat were Tamara Kumeroa, 2, and her sister Jane 10, of Laverton.

Altona couple



Maria Manuella Paulino and Stephen Andrew Foksett chose St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church for their wedding.

Maria is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Antonio Paulino, of Cain Court, Altona, and Stephen is the only child of Mr and Mrs Jack Foksett, of Maidstone Street, Altona.

Photograph: Barry Sutton, Williamstown.

Won't drink and drive, he says

He would, "never, ever drink and drive again," a man told Footscray Court on Monday.

Simon Carros, of Marigold Avenue, Altona North, successfully applied for permission to again hold a driving licence.

His licence was cancelled in April last year, when he was convicted of driving with a blood-alcohol content over .05 per cent, and he was disqualified from driving for nine months.

To Mr. W. Guy, SM, Carros said his reading at the time was .30 per cent.

But he "never used to drink," he told the magistrate.

It had been after an isolated occasion, fawelling a friend, that he was stopped. He had drunk nine or 10 glasses of beer.

Before his conviction

he had been a truck driver and wanted to return to this job. He now drank, "only if I have to," he said.

Questioned about this by Mr. Guy, he said this was when he had visitors at his house.

He did not go to hotels and when he drank at home had only one or two glasses of beer.

Sergeant Kevin Icely, assisting the magistrate, said he had no questions to ask Carros.

Granting the application, Mr. Guy warned Carros of the possibility of a long cancellation term and a heavy fine for a second drinking-driving conviction.

In some cases people were sent to prison for a second conviction, Mr. Guy said.

\$500,000 Stony Creek job

The first stage of beautification of the Stony Creek estuary, estimated to cost \$500,000, has been approved.

The Footscray Council has been told this by Mr. Alex Knight, MLC (Melbourne West).

Mr. Knight wrote that he had been told by the Minister for Water Supply, Mr. Granter, that approval had been given by the Premier, Mr. Hamer.

Mr. Hamer had suggested that the Minister arrange for the Board of Works to pay to do the first stage of 1977-78.

Mr. Knight had asked Mr. Granter to supply copies of plans of the project as soon as possible.

TAB shotgun robbery

A bandit armed with a shotgun forced the manageress of a Brooklyn TAB agency to lie on the floor on Monday morning, while he emptied the cash registers.

The bandit, a man about 20, walked into the agency, in Eames Street, Brooklyn, about 11 am.

He pointed a full length shotgun at the woman and forced her to

lie face down on the floor.

He then emptied the cash registers into a bag and fled on foot.

Police have been told his haul totalled about \$2000.

It was the second time in four months the agency has been robbed.

Senior-Detective Danny McIlwaine, of Sunshine CIB, and members of the Armed Robbery Squad, are investigating.

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High doubles HSC passes

Williamstown High School's sixth-form students last year achieved a 64 per cent. pass rate, Mr. Alan Fagan told The Advertiser yesterday.

Mr. Fagan, principal of the school, said the results were announced by the examinations board last week.

"We are extremely pleased... especially when you realise that only two years ago, only 37 per cent. of our students passed the Higher School Certificate."

Mr. Fagan said 58 students sat for the exam, with 37 passing. Those students have satisfied university entrance requirements.

As well, 100 per cent. of those students sitting for French, pure maths, chemistry and accounting, passed.

In applied maths, 89 per cent. passed; in physics, 77 per cent.; in general maths, 71 per cent.; in literature and politics, 70 per cent. and in English, 68 per cent.

3 students shine

"I find these results really reassuring," Mr. Fagan said.

"It shows that Williamstown can do it..."

He said Jennifer Hurwood (humanities), David Wilson (science/maths) and Carmel Dimattia (commercial, maths, languages), had achieved outstanding results.

"All three gained a total of 300 or more marks from their four subjects."

School will resume this year on Wednesday, February 2, a day later than usual, because of the Australia Day holiday on Monday, January 31.

Uniting church plans

Plans for services next Sunday at churches in Williamstown linked in the Uniting Church:

St Johns, Williamstown — 10 a.m. Miss D. McNeill; 7 p.m. the Rev. Laurance Slee (Holy Communion). Spotswood — 10.45 a.m., the Rev. Chester Hodge.

St. Stephens Williamstown — 9.30 a.m., the Rev. Laurance Slee.

Westgate, Newport — 11 a.m., Mr. G. Bratby

Congregational, Williamstown — 11 a.m. the Rev H. M. Moorhouse.

The annual meeting of Willy's Coffeehouse next to St. John's Parsonage in Electra Street, Williamstown, will be held on Monday evening, February 7.

All interested members of the public are invited to attend.



Newport bowls champion



Rose Whitford (right) won the Newport Bowling Club women's singles championship by beating Winnie Lowe (left) 25-18.

Mrs. Whitford also won the title in 1972/73 and has taken out other major tournaments including the Bell Cup in 1971 and the Davis Cup in 1970. She was president of Newport Associates in 1973 and 1974.

Action sought on job problems

The Western Region Commission wants the State Government to introduce policies to help economic recovery in the west.

A report by the commission states that about 40 per cent. of the workforce in the western suburbs is engaged in manufacturing industry.

The commission said that many of the concerns which prompted the report are now being demonstrated on the labor market.

The Footscray Commonwealth Employment Service branch had stated at the end of the year that 1288 workers had been retrenched by industry in Footscray since August.

The report said the commission, confirms that the region's dependence on manufacturing means that its long-term economic health is suspect until a wider range of jobs can be supplied... and there is little evidence of those jobs being introduced here.

It also suggests that the State Government's objectives of providing for balanced development of Melbourne may not be achieved because of a lack of consideration of economic matters.

The incentives to housing development in areas like Sunshine, Keilor and Melton must be accompanied by a positive programme aimed at providing employment to support the residents of the new areas.

For this purpose, said the commission, the Department of State Development should be encouraged to adopt a view of industrial location and relocation.

The State Government has a fairly comprehensive programme to assist industry moving to country areas.

The commission believes it would substantially benefit the west if the Government could be encouraged to develop policies to provide "better and more equitable employment distribution within the metropolitan area."

About 75 per cent. of the total Victorian workforce is located within the Melbourne area.

The commission intends to hold a meeting of member councils and the Board of Works to consider the report and "the possible development of Government policies to assist economic development in this part of Melbourne."

The day for thanksgiving

An Australia Day 1977 thanksgiving dinner dance will be held on Monday, January 31, from 7.30 p.m. at the Veneto Social Club, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen.

3EA, Ethnic Australia Radio, is being joined by Melbourne's Arabic, Dutch, German, Greek, Italian, Yugoslav, Maltese, Spanish, Turkish, Yiddish and Hebrew speaking communities — as well as other ethnic groups — to organise the function.

The idea is to celebrate Australia Day in the same way as people in the United States celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

The Italian Committee of Co-ordination pioneered the celebration of Australia Day within ethnic communities and it is now asking that all other ethnic groups be invited to take part.

Tickets are \$15 each (\$30 double) and cover dinner, drink and dancing. Tables of 10 can be booked. Book by writing with cheque or postal note to 3EA, GPO Box 1670, Melbourne, 3001, or by ringing 699 4437.

For more details phone John d'Andrea (689 4437).

Councils' man for SEC?

Western suburbs councillors have successfully moved in a bid to have a representative of the Association of Municipal Electricity Authorities appointed to the State Electricity Commission.

A resolution making the bid was moved at the association's last meeting by Cr. Kevin Shorten, of Footscray and seconded by Cr. Simon West, of Williamstown.

The Premier, Mr. Hamer, will be asked to amend the State Electricity Commission Act to allow a representative of the municipal association to be appointed an SEC commissioner.

A resolution asking Mr. Hamer to receive a deputation from the association was seconded by Cr. G. Proctor, of Williamstown.

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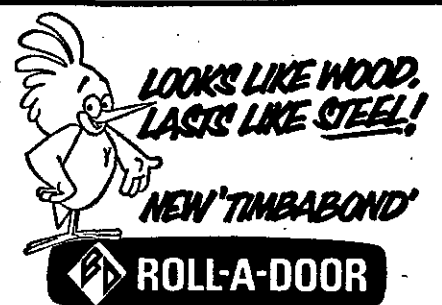
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● The budding batsman — Michael Sammat, 7, trying to hit a six. Waiting in vain for the catch is Victor Formosa (left), 9.

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Blood test got driver barred

A blood test taken at Western General Hospital, Footscray after a Newport man was injured in road smash led to his being fined and losing his driving licence at Footscray Court on Monday.

The court was told the man told police later: "I think I went to sleep — I woke up at the Footscray Hospital."

He had been to a party before hitting a tree at a

Seddon intersection, the man was alleged to have told police.

George Vostof, of Wood Street, Newport, did not appear in court to answer a charge of driving with a blood-alcohol content over .05 per cent.

Mr. W. Guy, SM, fined him \$120 or 12 days' imprisonment, cancelled his driving licence and disqualified him from driving for 12 months.

Sergeant Kevin Icely, of night of Sunday, December 18, and Constable Charles Bezzine, also of Footscray police, went to an accident

at the corner of Bellairs Avenue and Princess Street, Seddon, on the night of Sunday, December 5 last year.

They found Vostof's car had hit a tree. Vostof was taken by ambulance to Western General Hospital.

Sgt. Icely said he was at the hospital the next morning when a blood sample was taken from Vostof.

He took this sample to the police forensic science laboratories, where it was analysed and showed a blood-alcohol content of .150 per cent.

Stolen goods under roof

Williamstown detectives investigating more than 30 housebreakings in their district have found stolen property concealed between the ceiling and the roof of a Newport house and arrested two brothers, aged 15 and 17.

Senior Detective Bernie Dunn and Kim Welsh got a new lead in their inquiries when looking into a breaking last week at a Newport fish shop.

They went then to a house in Junction Street, Newport.

In addition to the goods under the roof — two TV sets, 600-700 packets of cigarettes and other things — they found much property, allegedly stolen, in the bedroom of the boys, who live with their parents.

Goods recovered are valued at more than \$1000. Some have been returned to their owners.

But the detectives have not yet had claimants for some transistor radio sets and a quantity of costume jewellery, mainly necklaces and pendants.

Anyone who has been robbed of property like this should ring the Williamstown CIB office (397 5261).

A 15-year-old youth will appear in the Children's

Court in the city this week and another, 17, will face the Williamstown Court on breaking charges.

Careers, courses help at RMIT

A special careers and course-information service is operating at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology vocational orientation centre, during January and February.

It provides information about post-secondary courses at all Victoria's education institutions.

A careers library at the VOC provides career and courses information in the form of visual display material, brochures, handbooks, tapes and films. Counsellors are available.

The VOC is at 42 Cardigan Street, near the City.

It is open from 8 to 5 on week days and during January and February it will stay open each Wednesday night until 9 for adults and working people.

Students who cannot get in may phone 347 6128 or 347 7611 (extension 256 and 257).

He did 'burg' to get away

A handicapped and unemployed youth was sentenced to 12 months in a training centre after theft charges were heard at Williamstown court on Thursday.

Ari Matti Ponni, 20, of Carendon Parade, West Footscray, was convicted of charges of entering with intent to steal, and theft.

Mr. G. Thomas (for Ponni) told the court his client was "of low intelligence, and has a hand deformity of which he is very conscious."

Constable Ray Featonby, of Altona told Mr. K. Mason SM, he arrested Ponni at a building in Millers Road, Altona North, on Saturday, January 1.

"He was in a window with his feet sticking out. Constable Serong and I pulled him out. I asked him what he had been doing, and he said he was going to go inside to see what he could get. Ponni was drunk and had a cut on his arm. He

said he had broken the window with his elbow.

"He had been about to go into the building when two men he didn't know arrived and he was made the lookout.

"Ponni said he had decided to go inside to get something for himself when the police arrived."

Later Ponni said he had gone to a Finnish dance with his father and a friend on New Year's Eve.

"Then I decided to do this 'burg', you know, to break into this joint. I told Tony, and he said 'You're mad', and left.

"So I broke the window of this joint. It looked rich enough."

"I had to get some money to go interstate, I'm in too much strife here."

Constable Featonby said he then asked Ponni to tell him about his other recent breakings.

"He answered: 'Oh, you know about that do you? What's to tell? I broke in and took cigarettes and money.'

"He admitted the theft at a shop in Borrac Square, Altona North, on Friday night, December 24. He said he broke the window with a bottle, took a pocketful of money from the till and packets of cigarettes.

"He said he was by himself and he had done the breaking because I got to get interstate, haven't I."

"I formed the opinion that Ponni is of low intelligence, and easily led. He spent six days in jail before being bailed out," Const. Featonby told Mr. Mason.

Cross-questioned by Mr. Thomas, Const. Featonby said that although Ponni had been co-operative, he had not answered any questions

put to him about accomplices.

Called to the witness stand by Mr. Thomas, Ponni's mother told the court her son, born in Finland, had a physical deformity which he believed was the reason he could not find work.

She said her son lived with his father in West Footscray during the week, and with her in Flemington at weekends.

Ponni admitted several convictions extending back to Children's Court.

Mr. Mason rejected Mr. Thomas' submission for probation for his client.

"I think in this case he needs more close control," he said.

He sentenced Ponni to six months at a youth-training centre on each charge.

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Transport shake-up

Public transport services in the western suburbs are to be improved.

The Minister for Transport, Mr. Rafferty, approved last week a plan to up-grade rail and bus services throughout the west.

Mr. Rafferty approved the changes after reading a study of transport facilities in the western suburbs. He had ordered the study following complaints of inadequate services.

Improvements recommended by the Ministry include new and extended private and public bus routes, a new railway

station between Albion and St. Albans, an experimental dial mini-bus service, new bus shelters and provision of bus terminals at Keilor, East Keilor and Essendon.

Mr. Rafferty said it was planned to put the changes into operation as quickly as possible.

Ministry officials have been appointed to liaise with transport authorities but no target dates for the improvements have been set yet.

Mr. Rafferty said the Ministry study found that seven areas in the west were not being adequately served by public transport.

"Although," he added, "the situation is not as unfavorable as many of the complaints suggested."

"In fact, frequency of public transport services are very much the same in comparable areas throughout the metropolitan area," said Mr. Rafferty.

The seven inadequately served areas are: West Sunshine / Ardeer, St. Albans North/Kealba/St. Albans East, Keilor, Keilor Park, Airport West, Keilor East, Essendon West.

Mr. Rafferty said the growth centres of Sunbury and Melton had particular transport requirements which were different to other suburbs in the west.

"The Government has promised to electrify the

lines to Melton and Sunbury and has made financial provision to electrify the line to Werribee in the Transport Works and Services Bill of 1976," he said.

Mr. Rafferty said many improvements in services recommended by the Ministry could be implemented in the short-term. Others would require consultation between transport authorities and councils.

Recommendations included in the plan are:

- Extension of the Tramway bus route along Somerville Road from Williamstown Road to Geelong Road.

- Construction of a railway station at or near Furlong Road, St. Albans, as soon as possible.

- Introduction of dial mini-bus service in the North St. Albans/Tailors Road area.

- Introduction of a high standard St. Albans to Keilor to Essendon bus service.

- Holders of student rail concession tickets be allowed free travel to the Footscray Institute of Technology, on the Trams services from Footscray station.

- A co-ordinated bus/rail service to operate in Sunshine/Deer Park.

- Bus shelters to be erected along the proposed St. Albans/Keilor/Essendon route and the existing Footscray / Avondale Heights route.

- Construction of bus terminals at Keilor, East Keilor and Essendon.

- Bus shelters to be erected along Ballarat Road and time-tables to be provided at all bus stops along Ballarat Road.

- Services to Highpoint West to be assessed.

- Rail passenger services should not be introduced on the Albion/Broadmeadows and Sunshine/Newport lines until further investigations are carried out by the Victorian Railways and the current outer ring study is completed.

- A plan to be prepared to improve the flow of buses in the Footscray central area.

- Provision of a major transport centre at Footscray station should be investigated.

The Ministry also recommended assistance for migrants. It suggested a migrant information desk manned by multi-linguists be located at Melbourne's Transport Information Centre.

Advertisements relating to transport services, route information and fares should be placed in ethnic newspapers and on ethnic and access radio stations. This information should cover areas where there is a high concentration of ethnic groups.

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Oldies don't swear



Two Altona North Technical School students studied the aged in the community for an English project and have come to the conclusion that old people don't swear.

Not only do they refrain from using profanities, they are also more religious.

Trevor Preston and John Szmalko undertook their study as part of form five end of year activities last year.

They searched the school library for information about the elderly and the problems they face.

"That wasn't much help because there wasn't much available anyway and the library was due to close soon for the end of school," said John.

So the boys rang organisations concerned with the aged, spoke to someone on the Western Region Committee on the Ageing, then decided to interview the elderly and others to determine community attitudes.

It was during these interviews that Trevor and John concluded that the elderly don't swear.

Did they think that was more acceptable than constant cussing?

The measured reply came from Trevor, "It seemed correct to us."

John said he thought those who are in the older age bracket were brought up to have more respect and that was probably why they didn't swear.

"They seemed to be more religious than people our age too," said Trevor, "possibly because we live in a more 'scientific age now'."

Both boys are 17. John is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Szmalko, of Heather Avenue, Brooklyn and Trevor is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Preston, of Chambers Road, North Altona.

To get the elderly's side of the picture, they visited Westhaven, the Baptist home for the aged in Pais-

ley Street, Footscray.

There are 78 residents there and the boys spoke to a few of them, asking about the home, families, hobbies.

Trevor noticed that most of the residents were women and felt that fact substantiated statistics which show women outlive men by four to five years.

Those living at Westhaven appeared content with their situation and the boys were impressed by the outside services provided like meals on wheels and visiting the lonely aged.

They concluded that the elderly were better off living at home if their partners were still alive but for those on their own Trevor and John felt a home, like Westhaven, was a happier alternative.

They noted that Westhaven had a homely atmosphere and if any of the residents felt useless or lonely, they did not show it.

"The doors are never locked there and the people have visitors when they like," said John.

Trevor was impressed by one elderly gent who read a book a day, but didn't think he'd like to spend his old age doing that.

"All that reading," he said, screwing up his face.

After those interviews, John and Trevor took their tape recorder into the shopping centres and asked people how they felt about the aged.

The two students decided that the average person did not think about the aged and foreign families seemed to have more respect for the elderly than Australians.

"Australians seem to think that a person over 60 is useless and interferes with the rest of the family," John declared.

But he and Trevor rejected this attitude saying there were many things people over 60 could do and they had by no means outlived their value to the community.

"Most of the people we spoke to said older folk should stay within the family and not be put into a home for the aged but

none of them were prepared to commit themselves to allowing their elderly to live with them," noted John.

"And many felt it was the government's responsibility to establish and maintain homes for the aged."

During their reading, they discovered that in one European country, the

elderly sell their houses to young married couples and are provided with smaller homes which are easier to keep.

"That way they don't have any financial problems in retirement," explained Trevor.

The boys concluded that people would be wise to plan for their retirement well ahead.



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Worth keeping, says historian



By JOHN DIXON

Despite what has been called "visual pollution" to the ground floor facade, this building in Nelson Place, Williamstown, is considered worthy of preservation.

The description was given by Williamstown city historian Wilson P. Evans, who is preparing a new case aimed at having the inland side of Nelson Place classified by the National Trust.

The building, north of Cole Street, houses a Chinese cafe, secondhand shop, opportunity shop and a dry-cleaning agency.

The upper level of the building had not been altered, Mr. Evans said.

The regular spacing of pillars, the original symmetry and harmonious design of the windows was typical of the architecture of the 1870s.

The unbroken line of the parapet added to the uniformity of design.

It was unfortunate that verandahs, supported by cast iron pillars, had been removed many years ago, Mr. Evans said.

It was also unfortunate the original, convict-laid

flagstone footpaths had disappeared.

However, the ability to restore the ground floor facade to harmony with the first floor was not beyond the capability of someone with sufficient interest, Mr. Evans added.

Tips for LP gas safety

The holiday season is with us and thousands of holidaymakers will be taking their LP gas equipment with them on camping, caravanning and boating trips.

The Australian Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association has released a list of safety hints for those using the gas.

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- Do not leave equipment and cylinders indefinitely in the boot of a car.
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- If the valve leaks, vent the cylinder in an open space at least 20 metres away from any source of ignition.
- Ensure that the cylinder is within test date.
- Ensure that the cylinder is never over filled.
- Check the condition of hoses.
- Keep curtains clear of stove or gas appliance flues and do not enter van/craft if you smell gas. Turn the cylinder off and allow time for gas to disperse.
- Ensure that ventilation is adequate and keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Councillors 'lack knowledge' — critic

SIR —

I wish to express my gratitude to Mr. H. Whittaker, of Victoria Street, Williamstown, for having the courage to express his honest opinion about the failings of the Williamstown Council.

My firm has wasted hundreds of dollars and much valuable time by applying to the council for building permits and sending dozens of architects' plans.

There are some self-appointed conservationists in the council who lack the knowledge and experience to judge what would be in the interest of the council

and Williamstown.

Many real-estate agents in the district will confirm my statement that most builders and developers have given up applying for permits in Williamstown, as we find it easier to get permits in Toorak, Malvern, Hawthorn and other eastern suburbs.

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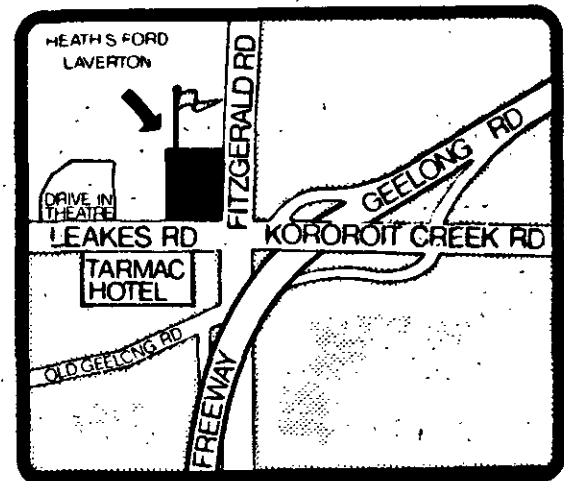
seven units have seven contented tenants. There was previously only one weatherboard home on the site with a rating of about \$120, but the return in rates today is \$1140.

I had several large blocks suitable for development in this district, but gave up after several Williamstown Council refusals for building permits. All of the proposed developments had the backing of expert architects, surveyor-town planners and real estate agents, and permit were refused without even a site inspection.

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SUTTON, Sydney Ernest. — Esteemed friend of Jim and Stella Hayes and family. Dear 'Syd'.

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GERRING, Shirley Yvonne. — (Jan. 19th, 1975). This day is remembered and silently kept. No words are needed, we will never forget. — Love Mother.

GERRING, Shirley Yvonne. — (Jan. 19th, 1975). In loving memory of our darling wife and mother. Each day an inspiration. — Bob, John and Jennifer.

ENGAGEMENTS

HASSETT — DIXON, Mr. and Mrs. John Mills, of 82 Hannan Street, Williamstown, proudly announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Kristine Hassett, to George, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, of 5 Irving Street, Newport.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WSTOWN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
The Club's Annual Meeting will be held in Willy's Coffee House, Electra Street, Williamstown (next to the St. John's Methodist Church) on Tuesday, 1st February, 1977, at 7.30 p.m. All Senior, U17, U15. Players please make a special effort to attend. New Players and Parents of Junior Players will be most welcome.
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WAYNE WINS DISTANCE SWIM TITLE

Wayne Sweeney, 16, has already won the Victorian 1500 m. swimming title, and on Friday night he's expected to take out the other distance swimming event, the 800 m.

Wayne is competing in the open age and 16-year-old swims. He is the son of Leon and Joan Sweeney, of Queen Street, Altona.

He began swimming at the age of three, but didn't begin serious competition until he was nine, and joined the Footscray Swimming Club.

He then started competing with the Shell All-Juniors on a State basis.

At 12, he was winning well, but then a serious accident hampered his progress.

"He set himself alight while playing with fireworks", his mother said yesterday.

STAMINA

"He was quite badly burned and spent a long time in hospital getting skin grafts. All he could think of while lying there in bed was his swimming — he desperately wanted to get back to it."

Mrs Sweeney says

Wayne is a "slow developer" physically. It is only this year, at the age of 16, that he has started to fill out.

He has enrolled for a gymnasium course this year to strengthen his shoulders and arm muscles.

"Because he is small, he can't compete with the big-strapping fellows in

the sprint races and hope to win.

"He does have the sort of stamina needed for the distance swims though," Mrs Sweeney said.

Wayne won the 1500 m senior event at Olympic pool last Friday night in the time of 18 min. 5.81 sec.

He won third place in the open 400m on Saturday night, third in the 200m butterfly and will compete in the open 800m and the 400m for 16-year-olds on Friday.

For the past two years Leon and Joan have been taking Wayne to Bulleen for training each morning, getting up just after 4 a.m.

"He'd train for two years, have breakfast in Bulleen, and then we'd take him to school at Wesley College.

"After school he'd be at the Olympic pool for another two hours of training.

"Now he's being trained by Bill Atkinson, who has trained quite a few Olympians, he doesn't have to get up so early, but he's still doing the four hours each day."

Wayne swims a total of about 50 miles a week.

He is also a member of the Pt. Leo Surf Life Saving Club, and won the John Marshall Memorial Swim on Boxing Day.

He is a member of the Victorian team to compete against the American surf lifesaving swimming team which will compete here at Warrnambool and Fairholme next month.

"Needless to say, Wayne is a really keen swimmer — if he didn't enjoy the pressure of training and so on, he wouldn't do it," Mrs. Sweeney said.

"Our other son, Garry, who's 22 and married now, used to be a very strong swimmer too, but he didn't have that will to win that Wayne has."

Little Aths' 10 big years

This year, 1977, marks the 10th anniversary of the official formation of the Victorian Little Athletics Association.

The inaugural meeting was held on March 10, 1967, with only seven centres.

Five weeks later these seven centres contested the first State championships.

VLA track and field championships will be held at Olympic Park on March 27.

More than 100 centres will take part.

Almost 20,000 children will compete and about 5000 adults will be officials for divisional and regional heats of the championships.

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Another anniversary event will be an interstate teams meeting at Olympic Park on Easter Sunday, April 10. Teams from every State will take part.

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Altona blood for 'Town

Williamstown Football Club will begin summer training this week in preparation for the Victorian Football Association's centenary year.

Bill Pride, club secretary, said the Seagulls have signed several good recruits from throughout the district for the season.

He added that the "Find of the year" could be a very capable centre half forward, Andrew Donnelly, from Altona.

Two others from Altona, Rod Olds and Peter Dern, both rovers or half forwards, will also join the Gulls.

West Newport has supplied Mark Truman and G. Carroll, and from Albion are Brian Edwards (forward) and Steven Tarr (rover). A ruck-rover, Chris Sullivan, from Parkside, is also reported a serviceable player.

Brian Edwards, playing cricket for Sunshine last week took the team's only two Williamstown wickets as opening pace bowler.

Vikings keen for first FDL game

This will be Altona City Football Club's first year with the Footscray District League, and already several Altona clubmen can be seen taking training runs along the beach and district roads.

Senior coach Mal Tisdale had announced that training for the two open age teams and the under-17s will be in on Monday January 24.

The pre-season training will be supervised by Tisdale assisted by the newly-appointed under-17 coach Steven Chatfield and former half-back Henry Zapart a physical education teacher.

Because many players are also involved in cricket training will be

held on Monday Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5 p.m.

Club officials are anxious to hear from any new or intending players to further boost the power of the Vikings, who dominated the Western Suburbs Football League for many years.

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S. FELL
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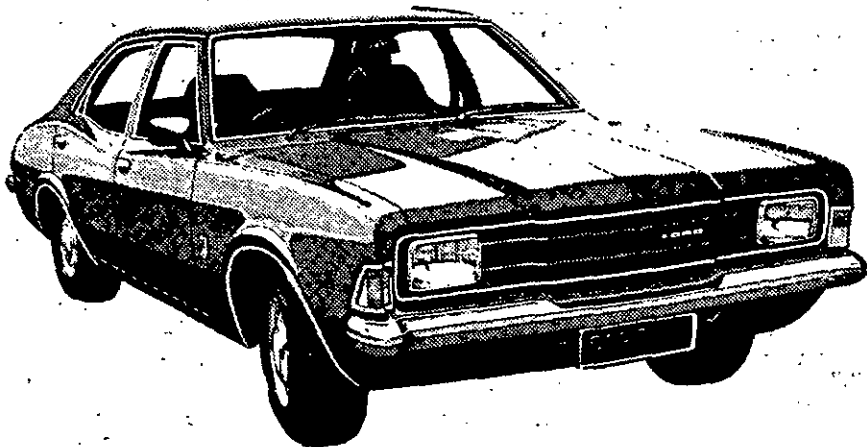
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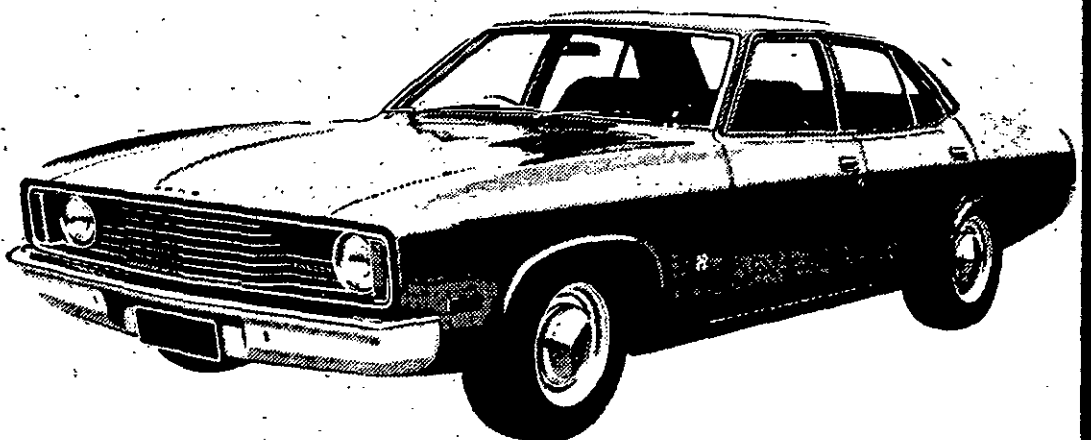
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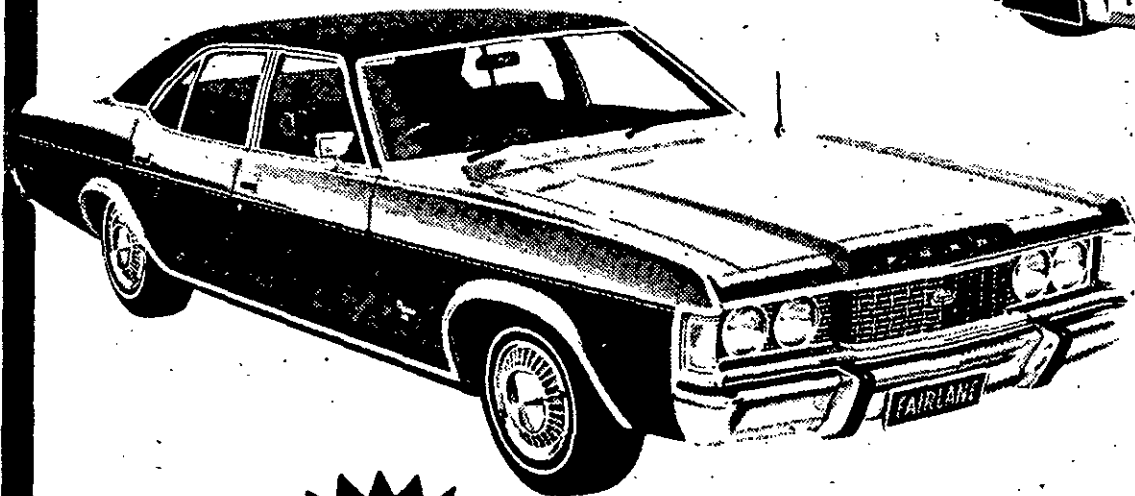
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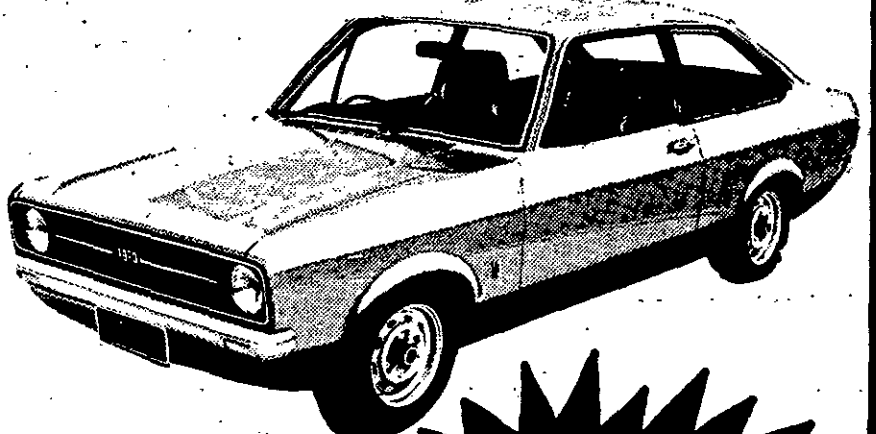
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